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Academe: Princeton professors reportedly worked for CIA

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Several former and current Princeton University professors served as paid consultants to the Central Intelligence Agency, according to a report published in a campus magazine.

A secret panel of academics, known as the "Princeton consultants," met several times a year throughout the 1950s, with then-CIA director Allen Dulles to assist with intelligence assessments for the agency's Office of National Estimates, the report said.

The report, published in The Fore-runner, was written and researched by 24-year-old John Cavanagh, a graduate student at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Meanwhile, other faculty members said at a news conference yesterday they would propose to the university that all consulting arrangements with intelligence agencies be made public, as well as the results of such work.

"You cannot do covert activities without lying. No one yet knows the degree to which universities have been compromised," said engineering professor Steven Slaby.

Two instructors still teaching at the Ivy League school, Cyril Black, Soviet studies, and Joseph Strayer, medieval history, were identified in the article as members of the group.

Others named were former professors James Billington, now director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington; the late T. Cuyler Young of the Near Eastern studies department; and Klaus Knorr, public affairs, who was recently tapped by President Carter to write a review of the CIA.

The professors were unavailable for comment yesterday.